



## PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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## **CANDIDATES VIOLATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE LAW**

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Susan Brady, found 44 candidates who are running in the 2003 election had violated state laws by failing to timely file public disclosure reports. Brady issued civil penalties to each during brief enforcement hearings held Wednesday in Olympia.

Individuals running for public office must register their committees with the Commission and file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs within two weeks of becoming a candidate. The individuals found in violation received a reminder letter on August 18, 2003 requesting them to file the appropriate reports and a second letter in which they could stipulate to a violation and file the mandated reports without going to an enforcement hearing.

“It is important for candidates to understand that they have an obligation under state law to file public disclosure reports,” Brady said. “Signing a declaration of candidacy with the County Auditor is not the end of the electoral process.”

Candidate found in violation by region:

### **Southeast**

**Daniel Raap**, candidate for School Director for the Kiona Benton School District #052, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Craig Johnson**, candidate for School Director in the Pasco School District #001, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Diana Marquez**, candidate for City Council for the City of Richland, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**June Smurthwaite**, candidate for City Council for the City of Pasco, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

## Central

**Trisha Bradley**, candidate for School Director in the Cascade School District #228, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Timothy Bittle**, candidate for School Director in the Cascade School District #228, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Kelly O'Brien**, candidate for School Director for the Cascade School District #228, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Pedro De La Cerda**, candidate for School Director for the Brewster School District #111, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Morgan Picton**, candidate for Fire Commissioner for the Chelan Fire Protection District #05, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

**Gene Camarata**, candidate for City Council of the City of Ellensburg, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$500.

**Stephen May**, candidate for City Council for the City of Wenatchee, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Ellen Clifton**, candidate for Commissioner for the Grant Hospital District #2, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Jeffrey Turner**, candidate for School Director for the Dayton School District #002, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

## Eastern

**L. Todd Serr**, candidate for City Council in the City of Chewelah, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended provided no violations of the disclosure laws for four years.

**Jesse Moss**, candidate for School Director for the Mary Walker School District #207, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Henry Peterson**, candidate for school Director for the Northport School District #211, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$100 with all of the penalty suspended if his reports are filed within two weeks of the order.

**Leona Adams**, candidate for School Director for the Loon Lake School District #183, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**John Perry**, candidate for Hospital Commissioner for the Whitman Hospital District #3, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Richard Mount**, candidate for School Director for the Cheney School District #360, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300 with \$150 suspended if the C-1 registration form is filed within one week.

**Willeen Kemp**, candidate for Fire Commissioner for the Stevens Fire Protection District #07, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

## Southwest

**Jennifer Leach**, candidate for School Director for the Longview School District #122, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Matthew Heins**, candidate for City Council for the City of Olympia, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

## King

**David Clemmons**, candidate for City Council for the City of Des Moines, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**John Magee**, candidate for Fire Commissioner for the King Fire Protection District #10, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Steve Hotchkiss**, candidate for City Council for the City of Duvall, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Ronald Boren**, candidate for School Director for the Lake Washington School District #414, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**James Fatton**, candidate for City Council for the City of Burien, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Melvin Markham**, candidate for City Council for the City of Seatac, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Rodger May**, candidate for City Council for the City of Seatac, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Antonio Pruett-Sapatan**, candidate for City Council in the City of Woodinville, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

## **Pierce**

**Kent Keel**, candidate for School Director for University Place School District #083, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Linda Evans Miller**, candidate for School Director in the Bethel School District #403, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Antoni Froehling**, candidate for School Director for the Sumner School District #320, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Douglas Bishop**, candidate for City Council for the City of Orting, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**John Campbell**, candidate for School Director for the Steilacoom School District #001, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Richard Heidal**, candidate for Fire Commissioner for the Pierce Fire Protection District #03, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Jerome Schick**, candidate for Commissioner for the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Louis Wolfrom**, candidate for School Director for the Fife School District #417, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$100 with all of the penalty suspended provided no violations of public disclosure law for the next four years.

## Northwest

**Patrick Murphy**, candidate for City Council for the City of Snohomish, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

**Marvin Bensen**, candidate for Mayor of the City of Bellingham, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

**Craig Roesler**, candidate for School Director for the Sultan School District #311, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a candidate registration report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

## Kitsap

**Anne Chastain**, candidate for School Director for the Crescent Consolidated School District #313, was found in violation of state law for failure to file a Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$500.

**Robert McConkey**, candidate for City Council for the City of Bremerton, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended provided no violations of the disclosure law for the next two years.

**Janice Hillman**, candidate for City Council for the City of Bremerton, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the candidate registration and the Statement of Personal Financial Affairs and was assessed a civil penalty of \$500 with \$200 suspended provided no violations of the disclosure laws for the next two years and that payment is received within 30 days.

Candidates found in violation at the hearings may appeal the decision to the full, five-member Commission for review of the action taken by the Chair.

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